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L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY *** February 21 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 12 Noon-----Luncheon at 12:30 PM SHARP
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THE STORY BEHIND THE EISENHOWER REPORT

by

W. W. CHAPLIN
Commentator, National Broadcasting Company

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From the moment he left on his now-famous tour of Western Europe until he took off again for the U.S., General Dwight D. Eisenhower was accompanied by Past President W. W. CHAPLIN, top-notch NBC news commentator. During the Supreme Allied Commander's three-week inspection trip to 12 European capitals, CHAPLIN covered virtually every move he made. His on-the-spot broadcasts were heard at least daily by millions of Americans.

Now Past President CHAPLIN presents the background, the inside facts behind the Eisenhower report in a dramatic narrative based on his own intimate observations.

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R O U N D T A B L E

FRIDAY, February 23 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 5:30 to 7:30 PM --- Members and Guests: Admission Free

NEW THREATS TO PRESS FREEDOM

This vitally important discussion will survey the UN's controversial draft for a Convention on Freedom of Information currently opposed by the U.S. Present will be leading experts -- Samuel Depalma, State Department specialist on press freedom; Gilbert W. Stewart, press officer with the U.S. Mission to the UN; United Nations correspondents; and others. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, DO NOT MISS THE IMPORTANT ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 OF THE BULLETIN THIS WEEK!!

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Who's Who Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 PM
Public Relations Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 PM

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: Robert Root, Journalism Department, University of Bridgeport. Turkey, Arab countries, India, China, August 1947 to September 1948, for the Christian Science Monitor. Proposed by DEVERE ALLEN; seconded by ARTHUR SWEETSER.

Michael Wilson, International Refugee Organization. France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, 1927 to 1930, for the Chicago Tribune; same countries, 1930 to 1946, for International News Service; same countries, 1947 to 1949, for London Daily Mail. Proposed by RALPH JULES FRANTZ; seconded by ROBERT L. STERN.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE: DAVID DREW ZINGG, United Fruit Company
HELEN MAMAS ZOTOS, Free Lance

ASSOCIATE: LEE PITT, New York World-Telegram & Sun

GUEST: SIMON KOSTER, Aneta News Agency
STEPHANOS ZOTOS, Greek daily newspapers Embros and Hestia.

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The Board of Governors at its meeting February 13 elected BEA MATHIEU and LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN as members of the newly-created Executive Committee of the Club. Establishment of the Executive Committee was voted when the Club approved Section One, Article VI of the new Constitution.

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Club Headquarters will be closed Thursday, February 22, George Washington's Birthday.

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BETTY BETZ has a new teen-age comic book, "Dollface", on the newsstands....Free-lance television announcer RICHARD THOMAS has been cited in TV Guide for his memory technique of presenting last-minute newscasts without script or physical prompting. Referring to a recent broadcast as a "remarkable performance", the weekly observed: "his names, places, figures and facts were letter-perfect"....CECIL BROWN, in addition to his Monday-through-Friday news commentary over Mutual at 10 AM, now takes on two more shows: Saturdays at 10:45 AM and at 7:55 PM, both on Mutual--both sponsored....

* TYPISTS WANTED: Club Headquarters needs four or five women to volunteer *
* for typing assignments. Wives of Members who can devote a few hours *
* weekly to working at OPC Headquarters are asked to telephone Janice *
* Griffiths, executive secretary, at Longacre 4-0174. *

CLUB MOVES TO PROVE BACKGROUND
OF PROPOSED U.N. INFORMATION PACT

...Roundtable Speakers to Present Reasons for U.S.
Objections to Document Regulating Press ...

With scheduling of a special Roundtable Discussion at the Clubrooms Friday on "New Threats to Press Freedom", the Overseas Press Club this week began a fact-finding probe into the background of the proposed United Nations global treaty on information. The draft, now being submitted to UN member-governments for comment, was supported by 13 delegates of the 15-nation committee. It was rejected outright by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER said the Club's Committee on Freedom of Press and Information is studying the UN document and may present recommendations for positive action following Friday's Roundtable. And Program Committee Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH promised that a full-scale review of the facts by State Department members and newsmen would highlight the meeting.

Main U.S. objection to the proposed Convention on Freedom of Information centers about the controversial Article 2, which outlines restrictions that would be permitted on press, radio and other media. U.S. Representative Carroll Binder, editorial page editor of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, cited paragraphs which would bar news considered "dangerous for youth" or "disclosure of information received in confidence". He said these limitations constituted an open invitation to governments to ban a wide variety of news topics.

Two added limits which a separate committee decision may incorporate in the document also were attacked by Binder. One would ban "false and distorted reports likely to undermine friendly relations"; the other would kill "information likely to injure the feelings of nationals of a state". Both provisions would give the green light to efforts by any Government to curb press freedom Binder asserted.

Commenting editorially on the latter proposal, the New York Times last week declared that "if news 'likely to injure the feelings of nationals of a state' had been established as a criterion, not a true word could have been published in the American press regarding the whole record of the Hitler Government in Germany. Not a word could now be published about the Stalin Government in Moscow, the Franco Government in Spain, the Mao Government in China...As for the question of 'false and distorted reports,' who is to decide what is false and what is distorted? Is an estimate of 10,000,000 prisoners in Soviet slave camps a 'false and distorted' estimate? Who knows, when the Soviets invoke their iron censorship?"

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RAY JOSEPHS, accompanied by his wife, has just completed a swing through Cuba, Haiti and the Virgin Islands, on the fringes of his old Latin-American stamping ground -- getting some color and background for Latin pieces. Trip was made in a private DC-3...

The Bulletin's Citation -of-the-Week goes to EDWARD R. MURROW. His appeal on the "Hear It Now" show last Friday resulted in telephone calls from 17,741 persons in 123 cities to local Red Cross headquarters volunteering donations of their blood for U.S. troops in Korea....Speaking at the 75th anniversary dinner of the Daily Princetonian last week was Assistant Secretary of State EDWARD W. BARRETT, chairman of the paper's executive board in 1931....BARRETT also participated recently in the production of an official registry, available to newsmen, of "Federal Government Agencies Engaged in Defense Mobilization Activities"...

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American Legion Magazine is being deluged with requests for reprints of IRENE KUHN's article, "Why You Buy Books That Sell Communism", in the January issue. The piece exposes alleged pressure against book publishers and sellers to halt the sale of anti-Red works....

LEWIS GANNETT of the New York Herald Tribune and WILLIAM L. SHIRER are two of the three judges named last week to pass on the Sidney Hillman Foundation prizes. The total of \$4,000 in awards covers the fields of general, periodical and labor journalism, as well as radio, TV, fiction, drama and films....HENRY F. CASSIDY of NBC last week participated in a top-level Pentagon conference to map plans for swift transmission of news from combat zones -- if and when new hostilities erupt....DON COOK, New York Herald Tribune correspondent in Bonn, Germany, is due back in the States on leave this month....

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A visitor to New York this week is CHARLES W. WHITE of Muncie, Ind., who's been in the East to cover some assignments for the Kiplinger magazine....WILL OURSLER's story, "Thread of Life", was presented Wednesday on "The Web" over CBS television...

Newly ensconced in Washington as correspondent for the Dallas Morning News is BARRY BISHOP (office: 620 Albee Building; home: 3741 39th Street, NW). BISHOP reports that The Bulletin's Special Correspondent in Mexico City, JOHN R. WILHELM, has a new non-paying chore. He's editor of a monthly news bulletin for the American Club of Mexico City. WILHELM passes on the dope that ROBERT BENJAMIN, late of Time-Life, has opened offices at Avenida Juarez 60, Mexico City, for the new Spanish-language magazine, Vision (edited by EDWIN STOUT)....Other BISHOP items: RICHARD MASSOCK, AP bureau chief in Mexico City, recently returned from an extended temporary job holding down the Caracas, Venezuela, post when an emergency arose in the latter country...Add items: REX SMITH took off from New York and Washington's snow and ice recently to spend three weeks in Mexico City and Acapulco....One of his reasons for going down was to accept an invitation to spend a weekend with friends on President Miguel Aleman's yacht at Acapulco. U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. William O'Dwyer met REX at the airport when he arrived....

The American Academy of Political and Social Science has invited the Overseas Press Club to appoint two delegates to attend the Academy's 55th annual meeting at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia April 6 and 7. Members wishing to represent the OPC at their own expense are asked to apply to President LOCHNER who will select two delegates from among volunteers.

Temple University next week confers a Doctor of Journalism degree on EDWARD R. MURROW, his fifth such honorary citation from American colleges....WOLFE KAUFMAN's newest book, "Call Me Nate", a collection of satirical short stories, will be published by Exposition Press April 3....Newly-returned AP war correspondent HAL BOYLE was interviewed for five minutes on Past President BOB CONSIDINE's NBC-TV show last week...

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Hats off to HAL BOYLE! The popular columnist on February 15 was presented the Omar Bradley Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in recognition for his contributions to the Armed Forces!....Just back from India is AP scribe MARC PURDUE....

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Congratulations to the LARRY BLOCHMANS, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary February 13!....Pen your get-well-quick notes to KATHRYN CRAVENS, abed in her Hotel Devon suite....On lecture swings this week are PAULINE FREDERICKS, ABC news commentator, and HENRY GELLERMANN, Transradio financial editor. The distaff reporter delivered two speeches over the weekend -- at the Town Hall series of Winter Park, Fla., and at Jacksonville State College in Alabama. GELLERMANN is delivering some lectures in sunny Texas....

CURTIS J. HOXTER has been promoted to director of public relations over at the U.S. Council of the International Chamber of Commerce...Top prize at the Press Photographers Association Exhibit this week went to BERT BRANDT of Acme Newspictures for his shot of Shirley May Frances, crying after she failed to swim the English Channel. BRANDT also appeared last week on Faye Emerson's TV show...HAL LEHRMAN lectured this week in Springfield, Mass...

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United Nations correspondents are irritated over removal of the UN's press headquarters -- contact officers, distribution center and all -- from Lake Success to the new "glass house" in Manhattan. Newsmen insist on staying where the news breaks; but releases covering speeches, meetings, activities, etc., are still being distributed from the Secretariat's press offices in the East River skyscraper...

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Anyone catch Milton Caniff's "Steve Canyon" comic strip for February 14? The continuity is about a femme medic who enlists as an Air Force nurse to get into action in the Far East. Her room mate knows the secret, dubs her "doc". Action. Camera. "And stop calling me 'doc'". If the boss knew I was an M.D., I'd be back where they think this war is a fiction story dreamed up by the Overseas Press Club." Curtain...Next week BERT BRANDT is off for two busy months snapshotting through South America...Former AP staffer JOHN PARRIS is in town from North Carolina, making free-lance contacts and doing article research....

THE OVERSEAS TICKER

ROME DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- American correspondents made an excellent showing in the recent elections of the Foreign Press Club of Rome. Norman J. Montellier, UP bureau chief, was elected president; JACK BEGON, NBC correspondent and

Rome Daily American publisher, secretary; Edmund Stevens, Christian Science Monitor, board member; and Arnaldo Cortesi, New York Times, board of review...OPC Members who attended a farewell dinner honoring Gene Caprio, U.S. Embassy press attache transferred to Washington after five years here, included: FRANK BRUTTO, JACK BEGON, MICHAEL STERM, JOSEPH ROSAPEPE, and WILLIAM DOERFLINGER....

Departed for New York after a year in Rome -- THOMAS MORGAN who during his stay here worked on a book about the Vatican archaeological discoveries, did radio work for Station WOV and public relations for the Catholic Travel League...Also U.S. bound is Barrett McGurn, the New York Herald Tribune's Rome correspondent...Back in Rome after visits home are RITA HUME SECONDARI and John Leacacos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer...GEORGE KENT of Reader's Digest has left Rome for Paris. He moves on to Finland the second half of February. -- (JOSEPH ROSAPEPE).

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TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Jack MacBeth, AP, departed for N.Y. February 4 for reassignment after five months in Korea and Japan....Plane stops en route are Singapore, Cairo, Rome and London....Nathan Polowetzky, also AP, who was "kicked out" of Prague, arrived here January 23....Bill Achatz, Jr., photo editor in the AP's Tokyo bureau, is guardian of Frank Noel's German schnauzer dog, "Teufel", until he delivers said dog to Frank's wife, currently in Albany, N.Y.

Photo of AP photog Noel received by AP in Paris by a "Peiping Picture Service" and relayed to Tokyo which shows Noel holding an AP Newsphoto envelope while interned somewhere in China, created considerable excitement here. Noel was captured in the Chosin Reservoir area while attached to the Marines....Phil Newsom, head of UP radio department in N.Y., is now working at the UP war desk here after a two-week tour of the front...Rutherford Poats has left the UP war desk in Tokyo to become UP coordinator in Korea, relieving Pete Kalischer, who will return to Tokyo for a brief rest....

Now in Tokyo for a week's vacation after six weeks at the front are Unipressers Bob Vermillion, Bill Burson and Gene Symonds. Symonds is also concentrating on the Dulles Peac Treaty Mission in Japan....Ambassador John Foster Dulles and party were guests of the Tokyo Correspondents Club at luncheon February 7....GERTRUDE SAMUELS, New York Times, arrived January 17, and Fred Thompson, Reader's Digest, checked in January 31. -- (JACOBUS TENBERGE).

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MEXICO CITY DATELINE: (Special to The Bulletin) -- The foreign press corps here has welcomed back ROBERT BENJAMIN, now regional director of the new Vision magazine. BOB will be in charge of both editorial and business activities for Mexico and Central America.... The BENJAMINS, incidentally, had shipped a huge amount of household goods and furniture to New York when BOB was transferred there. The day it arrived at Manhattan transfer, BOB telephoned to ship it back, please!.... They also managed to find a new home a block from the one they gave up, in San Angel Inn Section of Mexico City....(JOHN WILHELM).

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From LONDON comes word that the Associated Press bureau has moved into the new seven-story AP Building in the Fleet Street area. Bureau chief is JOHN LLOYD...

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OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: "Debate In a Vacuum" by LEO LANIA in the February UN World... DICKSON HARTWELL's "Billion Dollar Boxtop" in Pageant's March number....Same issue features "Sabotage: 1951" by DONALD ROBINSON....Ditto VICTOR LASKY's picture report on "We Were Soviet Slaves"....The Satevepost for February 17 carries CRAIG THOMPSON's "The Communist's Dearest Friend"....

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